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Applicant : Parruck et al.
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Title : BACKPRESSURING USING A SERIAL BUS INTERFACE AND A
STATUS SWITCH CELL

Grp./A.U. : 2616
Examiner : Duong, Duc T.

Docket No.: 15054

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

The Applicants would like to thank Examiner Duong for meeting with the Applicants' representatives on July 31, 2007, to discuss the above-referenced application. His time and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

In furtherance to the interview of July 31, 2007, and an Interview Summary dated August 15, 2007, the Applicants hereby timely submit their statement of the substance of the interview.

At the time of the interview, claims 45-49 and 52-55 remained in the application. As pointed out, the Examiner previously indicated in an Office action dated November 16, 2006, that the subject matter of independent claims 52 and 53 is patentable. Thus, only independent claim 45 was discussed during the interview.

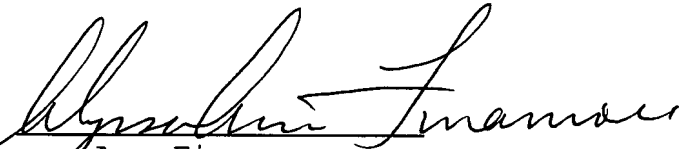
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The parties agreed that claim 45 had to be amended to place the application in a condition for allowance. Specifically, the parties agreed to add the language, "wherein network information communicated on the data paths of the first, second, third, and fourth integrated circuits are sent through the respective segmentation circuitry and reassembly circuitry of the integrated circuits," after the phrase "the first line card" in claim 45 to place the application in a condition for allowance.

In light of the agreement between Examiner Duong and the Applicants' representatives during the interview, claim 45 has been amended accordingly, and the application has been allowed per a Notice of Allowance mailed August 15, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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